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SUBJECT: OIL EXPLORATION IN THE SINAI

REF: CAIRO 16748 (NOTAL)

1. JOHN MILES, POLITICAL ADVISOR TO UN COORDINATOR GENERAL
SIILASVUO, CALLED ON POLCOUNS DECEMBER 20 TO ENQUIRE ABOUT
STATUS OF EGYPTIAN OFFER OF 12 BLOCKS FOR OIL EXPLORATION IN
NORTHERN SINAI AND OFFSHORE. POLCOUNS SAID THAT TO BEST OF
EMBASSY KNOWLEDGE BLOCKS 5 AND 6 HAVE BEEN SUBJECT OF AGREEMENT
INITIALLED WITH EITHER FRENCH OR ITALIAN COMPANY; BLOCKS 7 AND
9 SUBJECT OF AGREEMENT INITIALLED WITH GULF OIL; BLOCK 11 STILL
UNASSIGNED, AND BLOCKS 8, 10 AND 12 UNDER NEGOTIATION WITH
CONOCO. IN RESPONSE TO HIS QUERY ABOUT ACCESS, POLCOUNS SAID
WE UNDERSTOOD CONOCO ATTEMPTING TO HAVE WRITTEN INTO AGREEMENT
CALUSE STATING THAT ACCESS WILL BE CONSIDERED OPEN ONLY WHEN
THREE PARTIES, GOE, CONCO AND UN, AGREE.

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2. MILES SAID THAT UN SECGEN HAD NOT RESPONDED TO EGYPTIAN
REQUEST FOR UN RULING THAT GOE HAD RIGHT TO COMMENCE OIL
EXPLORATION IN BUFFER ZONE AND ONE WAS EXPECTED. MILES
ADDED THAT SIILASVUO, PRESUMABLY AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH
NEW YORK, HAD TOLD EGYPTIANS ON PERSONAL BASIS THAT HE WOULD
BE WILLING TO DISCUSS WITH ISRAELIS SPECIFIC REQUESTS FOR

ENTRY INTO THE BUFFER ZONE BY OIL EXPLORATION TEAM WHEN CONTRACT COMPLETED AND OIL COMPANY HIS TEAM READY TO MOVE. MILES DID NOT VENTURE ANY OPINION AS TO WHAT ISRAELI REACTION MIGHT BE.

3. MILES WAS PLEASED TO KNOW THAT BLOCKS 8 AND 10 AND 12 WHICH INCLUDE PARTS OF BZ, WERE BEING NEGOTIATED WITH AN AMERICAN COMPANY SINCE HE FELT NEITHER ITALIANS NOR FRENCH GOVERNMENTS WOULD BE AS SENSITIVE AS USG TO THE PROBLEM THAT GRANTING OF EXPLORATION RIGHTS IN BZ MAU ENTAIL.
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